



State Senator

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Legislative Update

The following bills were introduced this week. Should you wish to learn more about the proposed legislation, please visit www.michiganlegislature.org and enter the bill number where indicated. The web-site will provide you with the bill's language as introduced and an analysis describing how the bill will affect area industry, the economy and consumers.

Senator Garcia is eager to learn how you feel about proposed legislation. He welcomes your responses via e-mail at senvgarcia@senate.michigan.gov.

BREAKING NEWS FROM SENATOR GARCIA'S OFFICE

A Legislative Bulletin for Residents of the 22nd District

	SB 1273	BROADBAND	DEVELOPMENT
	ELIMINATION (Patterson)		
	Eliminates the Michigan Broadband Development Authority.		
SB 1274	COMPENSATION TAX CREDIT (Brown)		
	Provides for single business tax credit for one percent of compensation of costs of credited jobs through 2009.		
SB 1275	NONPROFIT HOUSING IMPROVEMENTS (Jelinek)		
	Provides a two-year property tax exemption for properties purchased and improved by nonprofit housing development associations.		
SB 1276	DIOXIN CLEANUP (Stamas)		
	Amends the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to provide for dioxin cleanup standards based on federal guidelines.		
SB 1277	PUBLIC LIBRARY AID (Clarke)		
	Revises population criteria for state aid to public libraries to include Detroit.		
SB 1278	AIRBOAT REGULATION (Birkholz)		
	Regulates the operation of airboats, or flat-bottomed vessels powered by an aircraft engine.		
SB 1279	STATE PARK ENDOWMENT CHECK-OFF (Allen)		
	Provides for a check-off option for the Michigan State Park Endowment Fund on income tax return forms		
SB 1280	COMMITTEE FOR STATE PARKS (Birkholz)		
	Establishes the citizens committee for Michigan state parks.		
SB 1281	GEM OF THE PARKS AWARD (Stamas)		
	Creates a gem of the parks award and a state park volunteer of the year award.		
SB 1282	VETERAN SPECIALTY PLATE PROOF (Toy)		
	Requires proof of military service to obtain a veteran specialty license plate.		

- SB 1283 VETERANS TRUST FUND CHECK-OFF (Toy)
Provides for a Michigan Veterans Trust Fund check-off option on income tax return forms.
- SB 1284 DRUG COMPANY REBATES (Kuipers)
Exempts rebates or discounts of a drug from a drug manufacturer to a consumer for that consumer's use of the drug from the Health Care False Claims Act.
- SB 1285 STATE FACILITIES REPORT (Olshove)
Requires a report and evaluation of state facilities.
- SB 1286 BENEFIT INCOME TAX DEDUCTION (Garcia)**
Provides for income tax deduction of lump-sum payment of benefit amounts paid under the Public Safety Officers Benefit Act.
- SR 267 HEIDI CAPRARO (Cassis)
Honors Heidi Capraro, Michigan teacher of the year.

COMMITTEE HEARINGS

Hearing times and topics are subject to change.

House

House Committee	Appropriations: Natural Resources and Environmental Quality
Clerk Phone Number	517-373-8080
Location	521 House Office Building, Lansing, MI
Date	Tuesday, 6/8/2004 Cancelled
Time	9:00 AM Cancelled
Agenda	Subcommittee Recommendation
	<u>SB 1066</u> (Johnson) Appropriations; zero budget; department of environmental quality; provide for fiscal year 2004-2005.
	<u>SB 1068</u> (Johnson) Appropriations; zero budget; department of natural resources; provide for fiscal year 2004-2005.
Chair	Representative John R Pastor

House Committee	Judiciary
Clerk Phone Number	517-373-7256
Location	308 House Office Building, Lansing, MI
Date	Tuesday, 6/8/2004
Time	9:00 AM
Agenda	<u>HB 5801</u> (Shackleton) Highways; bridges; penalties for failure to pay toll when crossing Mackinac bridge; provide for.
	<u>SB 1051</u> (Cropsey) Probate; wills and estates; general amendments to the estates and protected individuals code; provide for.
	Special presentation by Michigan Surgeon General Kimberlydawn Wisdom, regarding lead paint issues in Michigan.
Chair	Representative Jim Howell

House Committee	Appropriations
Clerk Phone Number	517-373-1260
Location	House Appropriations Committee Room, 3rd Floor, State Capitol Building
Date	Tuesday, 6/8/2004
Time	9:30 AM

Agenda SB 1063 (Johnson) Appropriations; zero budget; department of community health; provide for fiscal year 2004-2005.

SB 1064 (Johnson) Appropriations; zero budget; department of corrections; provide for fiscal year 2004-2005.

SB 1067 (Johnson) Appropriations; zero budget; higher education; provide for fiscal year 2004-2005.

Chair Representative Marc Shulman

House Committee Agriculture and Resource Management

Clerk Phone Number 517-373-8538

Location 327 House Office Building, Lansing, MI

Date Tuesday, 6/8/2004

Time 10:30 AM

Agenda HB 5919 (Gaffney) State; symbol; Michigan treasure cookie; establish as the official state cookie.

Chair Representative Tom Meyer

House Committee Commerce

Clerk Phone Number 517-373-5632

Location 519 House Office Building, Lansing, MI

Date Tuesday, 6/8/2004

Time 10:30 AM

Agenda TO BE DETERMINED

Chair Representative Clark Bisbee

House Committee Education

Clerk Phone Number 517-373-8538

Location 307 House Office Building, Lansing, MI

Date Tuesday, 6/8/2004

Time 2:00 PM or after committees are given leave by the House to meet, whichever time is later.

Agenda HB 4213 (Caswell) Education; intermediate school districts; dispute over school district boundaries; allow intermediate school board to determine.

FOR TESTIMONY ONLY:

HB 4441 (Accavitti) Education; other; rules prohibiting sale of certain foods and beverages in public schools; require.

Chair Representative Brian Palmer

House Committee Appropriations: School Aid (K12)/Department of Education

Clerk Phone Number 517-373-8080

Location 426 State Capitol Building

Date Wednesday, 6/9/2004

Time 9:00 AM

Agenda SB 1069 (Johnson) Appropriations; zero budget; school aid; provide for fiscal year 2004-2005.
-Testimony on Sec. 24: Court-placed Pupils

Chair Representative John Moolenaar

House Committee Energy and Technology

Clerk Phone Number 517-373-8538

Location 519 House Office Building, Lansing, MI

Date Wednesday, 6/9/2004

Time 9:00 AM

Agenda HB 5663 (Palsrok) Communications; computers; child protection registry to regulate electronic mail advertisements; provide for.

Chair	<p><u>SB 1025</u> (Bishop) Communications; computers; child protection registry to regulate electronic mail advertisements; provide for.</p> <p>Representative Ken Bradstreet</p>
House Committee	Conservation and Outdoor Recreation
Clerk Phone Number	517-373-2013
Location	307 House Office Building, Lansing, MI
Date	Wednesday, 6/9/2004
Time	10:30 AM
Agenda	<u>SB 927</u> (McManus) Natural resources; other; work group on game and fish program revenue; establish.
Chair	Representative Susan Tabor
House Committee	Criminal Justice
Clerk Phone Number	517-373-7256
Location	327 House Office Building, Lansing, MI
Date	Wednesday, 6/9/2004
Time	10:30 AM
Agenda	<p><u>HB 5846</u> (Stakoe) Criminal procedure; prosecuting attorneys; notification period to surety for defendants failure to appear; extend to 14 days.</p> <p><u>SB 151</u> (Clarke) Criminal procedure; bail; surety bonds for proportion of full bail amount; allow.</p> <p><u>HB 5493</u> (Waters) Criminal procedure; expunction; record expungement for certain offenders; provide for.</p>
Chair	Representative William Van Regenmorter
House Committee	Land Use and Environment
Clerk Phone Number	517-373-5632
Location	326 House Office Building, Lansing, MI
Date	Wednesday, 6/9/2004
Time	2:00 PM or after committees are given leave by the House to meet, whichever time is later.
Agenda	<u>HR 261</u> (Acciavatti) A resolution to urge the Ontario Minister of the Environment to establish new landfills and landfill expansions.
Chair	Representative Ruth Johnson
House Committee	Senior Health, Security and Retirement
Clerk Phone Number	517-373-5632
Location	327 House Office Building, Lansing, MI
Date	Thursday, 6/10/2004
Time	9:00 AM
Agenda	<p><u>HB 5682</u> (Pumford) Retirement; public school employees; graded health care premiums or benefits; establish. (For referral to Standing Committee on Education)</p> <p><u>HB 5696</u> (Pumford) Retirement; public school employees; service credit graded premium increment to actuarial cost; add. (For referral to Standing Committee on Education)</p> <p><u>HB 5794</u> (Richardville) Health facilities; nursing homes; disclosure of inspection visit and survey results to each resident or his or her family and review of written determinations regarding complaints made within the last 2 years before issuing or renewing a license; require.</p> <p><u>HB 5795</u> (Hunter) Human services; adult foster care; disclosure of inspection reports to each resident or his or her family and review of written determinations regarding complaints made within the previous 2 years before issuing or renewing a license; require.</p>
Chair	Representative Gary Woronchak

House Committee	Transportation
Clerk Phone Number	517-373-8538
Location	307 House Office Building, Lansing, MI
Date	Thursday, 6/10/2004
Time	9:00 AM
Agenda	<p><u>HB 5920</u> (Kooiman) Transportation; motor carrier fuel tax; provision regarding joint and several liability between lessors and lessees for fuel taxes on commercial motor vehicles; eliminate.</p> <p><u>HR 232</u> (Van Regenmorter) A resolution to call upon the Michigan Department of Transportation to review the current status of alternatives to road salt based on information from existing studies, trials, and tests and to make recommendations for advancing the use of alternatives at the state and local level.</p> <p><u>HCR 53</u> (Van Regenmorter) A concurrent resolution to call upon the Michigan Department of Transportation to review the current status of alternatives to road salt based on information from existing studies, trials, and tests and to make recommendations for advancing the use of alternatives at the state and local level.</p> <p><u>HB 5849</u> (Vander Veen) Vehicles; license plates; state-sponsored fund-raising registration plate for Michigan nurses; provide for.</p> <p><u>HB 5775</u> (Sak) Highways; name; certain portion of US-131; designate as the Casimir Pulaski Way.</p>
Chair	Representative Gene DeRossett

Senate

Senate Committee	Judiciary
Clerk Phone Number	373-3760
Location	Room 210, Farnum Building, 125 W. Allegan Street, Lansing, MI 48933
Date	Tuesday, 6/8/2004
Time	1:00 PM
Agenda	<p><u>SB 773</u> (Thomas III) Crimes; obscenity; reporting protections for internet child pornography encountered in the scope of work; expand to include computer technicians.</p> <p>PENDING REFERRAL:</p> <p>SB 1287</p> <p>SB 1288</p> <p>SB 1289</p>
Chair	Senator Alan L Cropsey

Senate Committee	Commerce & Labor
Clerk Phone Number	373-2413
Location	Room 100, Farnum Building, 125 W. Allegan Street, Lansing, MI 48933
Date	Tuesday, 6/8/2004
Time	3:00 PM
Agenda	<p><u>SB 1206</u> (Van Woerkom) Economic development; enterprise zones; housing inspection ordinance provision; revise.</p> <p><u>SB 1241</u> (Barcia) Economic development; tax increment financing; neighborhood improvement authority; provide for.</p> <p><u>SB 1242</u> (Toy) Economic development; plant rehabilitation; mixed use tax credit; allow.</p>
Chair	Senator Jason Allen

Senate Committee	Natural Resources & Environmental Affairs
Clerk Phone Number	373-1854
Location	Room 110, Farnum Building, 125 W. Allegan Street, Lansing, MI 48933
Date	Tuesday, 6/8/2004
Time	3:00 PM
Agenda	<p>Testimony given by the Department of Environmental Quality on Oversight of PA 148 of 2003</p> <p><u>SB 1171</u> (Van Woerkom) Environmental protection; litter; definition of litter; expand to include abandoned vehicles.</p> <p><u>SB 1278</u> (Birkholz) Watercraft; other; airboats; regulate operation of.</p> <p><u>SB 1279</u> (Allen) Income tax; checkoff; Michigan state park endowment fund; provide for check-off option.</p> <p><u>SB 1280</u> (Birkholz) Recreation; state parks; citizens committee for Michigan state parks; establish.</p> <p><u>SB 1281</u> (Stamas) Recreation; state parks; gem of the parks award and a state park volunteer of the year award; create.</p>
Chair	Senator Patricia L Birkholz
Senate Committee	Finance
Clerk Phone Number	373-1758
Location	Room 110, Farnum Building, 125 W. Allegan Street, Lansing, MI 48933
Date	Wednesday, 6/9/2004
Time	1:00 PM
Agenda	<p>Discussion with State Treasurer Jay Rising</p> <p><u>SB 13</u> (Jelinek) Property tax; assessments; assessment increase for new construction, mobile homes, or structures used to house a senior citizen family member; prohibit under certain circumstances.</p> <p><u>SB 477</u> (Basham) Taxation; mobile homes; value based specific tax; establish.</p> <p><u>SB 478</u> (Basham) Property tax; assessments; mobile homes; assess as real property.</p> <p><u>SB 486</u> (Garcia) Property tax; assessments; value based tax system for mobile homes; establish.</p> <p><u>SB 707</u> (Garcia) Sales tax; collections; sales tax on mobile home sales; eliminate.</p> <p><u>SB 708</u> (Garcia) Property tax; assessments; mobile homes; assess as real property.</p>
Chair	Senator Nancy Cassis
Senate Committee	Health Policy
Clerk Phone Number	373-3543
Location	Rooms 402 and 403, Capitol Building, 100 S. Capitol Avenue, Lansing, MI 48933
Date	Wednesday, 6/9/2004
Time	1:00 PM
Agenda	<p><u>HB 4476</u> (Vander Veen) Human services; long-term care; Michigan lifespan respite services program; create.</p> <p><u>HB 5225</u> (Condino) Health; death; rules and regulations for medical examiners when conducting an autopsy to determine the cause of an infant death; require department of community health to promulgate.</p> <p><u>HB 5232</u> (Stakoe) Vehicles; emergency vehicles; ambulance operation licensed to provide advanced life support to operate at a lower level of life support; allow under certain circumstances.</p>
Chair	Senator Beverly S Hammerstrom